

Media Release

AMGC APPOINTS NORTHERN TERRITORY DIRECTOR

- ***The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) has appointed highly respected Territorian, Charmaine Barrett to lead the role of Director, Northern Territory***
- ***The newly created role is part of a broader five-year agreement between the Northern Territory (NT) Government and AMGC to grow manufacturing and innovation in the NT***
- ***Ms Barrett will be responsible for all activities including industry engagement within the Northern Territory and will be supported by AMGC's national team***

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) has expanded its team, with the appointment of respected industry advocate Charmaine Barrett to the position of Director, Northern Territory (NT) for AMGC.

With 15-years' industry experience, Charmaine joins AMGC from Industry Capability Network (ICN) where she held positions as Operations Manager and Business Development Manager for the NT.

In her new role, Charmaine will lead the joint, five-year, \$8.75 million NT/AMGC program to fast-track investment and commercialisation of advanced manufacturing opportunities across the Territory.

The program delivers on the recommendations of the Territory Economic Reconstruction's final report, which will see:

- AMGC establish an office in Darwin, which will house the dedicated Territory-based Director who will be supported by AMGC's existing national team
- AMGC manage a competitive dollar-for-dollar, co-funded grant program for NT industry stakeholders
- The creation of advanced manufacturing projects, which will generate more jobs for Territorians and bolster the local economy with new investment opportunities

Over the past three years, AMGC has facilitated more than 340 national collaborations and co-funded over 80 industry projects, while creating more than 2,300 jobs across the country.

It has invested over \$66.8 million of combined industry and Government funds into manufacturing projects, resulting in an estimated \$1.2 billion in additional national revenue.

Quotes from AMGC NT Director, Charmaine Barrett:

"As a proud Territorian, I cannot wait to get to work and build a stronger, more diverse manufacturing industry not only across the Top End but also in our regional centres,

“Over the past 15-years I have seen firsthand the potential of NT businesses. A program such as this is exactly what we require to spur innovation, investment, and prosperity for the region. I look forward to getting to work with AMGC and the Northern Territory Government.”

Quotes from Chief Minister, Michael Gunner:

“It’s great to have Charmaine on board – she will be an exceptional asset in expanding industry and attracting new investment to the Territory.

“We know we’ve got a lot to give in the advanced manufacturing space, and this new partnership will help turn local businesses’ dreams into reality.

“By building up our advanced manufacturing capabilities, we are strengthening our economy and creating more jobs for Territorians, and more exports for Australia and the world.”

Quotes from AMGC Managing Director, Dr Jens Goennemann:

“The Northern Territory is certainly leading ahead of other jurisdictions when it comes to understanding the potential of manufacturing. Charmaine brings with her a deep understanding of the Territories industrial landscape, and she is the perfect person to convert this potential into outcomes,

“With the appointment of Charmaine to the role and the Territory Government as a partner, AMGC has all the right ingredients in place to transform the Top End from being a lucky economy to a smart one, underpinned by a thriving manufacturing industry.”

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About Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC)

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation established through the Australian Government’s Industry Growth Centres Initiative. AMGC’s vision is to transform Australian manufacturing to become an internationally competitive, dynamic and thriving industry with advanced capabilities and skills at its core.

Through the delivery of its world-leading research, Manufacturing Academy, workshops, and ground-breaking projects, AMGC aims to develop a highly skilled and resilient local manufacturing industry that delivers high-value products – via the integration of innovative technology – to domestic and international markets. <http://www.amgc.org.au>

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